

# Girls Regain Form

# Showdown At

# 'Buhler Corral'

Don't look now, but doesn't that look like a Chisholm Trail League showdown over there at Buhler. And, don't tell me, is that a Mulvane Wildcat knocking on the door?

The biggest game in quite a while looms Friday night, Jan. 18, when the Mulvane High School girls travel to Buhler to take on the Crusaders. Buhler is leading the CTL with a 5-0 mark and coming off a key victory over Valley Center.

Perfect timing? Tune in Friday night. "This one is huge for our program," emphasized Cat Coach Jayson Miller. "We need to go in and control the tempo. Buhler has a great pressing team and they have three great guards. They want to speed things up. We want to slow them down."

A loss would pretty much put Mulvane out of the picture or a CTL title with three league losses.

The Cats are coming off a strong showing, a blow-out, against Andover Central Friday night, Jan. 11, at home. The Mulvane girls took charge early against the Jaguars and never let up. An 18-3 spurt in the 3rd quarter put the game away and turned a 15-point halftime lead into a mile and a half.

"It was a big win for us because we needed one badly," said Miller. "Everybody played hard. We still made a lot of mistakes, but at least they were making mistakes while going hard. Making mistakes while you're not going hard is a lot worse."

The Cats were coming off a shellacking by Goddard and it even came in "Wildcat Country." "The girls were mad. They were mad because their effort wasn't there against Goddard like it had been in all our earlier games," stressed Miller. "I think they wanted to show everybody that they could play some ball, too."

And play they did. The Cats came out of the gate with a strong push and took an 18-9 lead after one quarter, then kept right on going until the Jags were out the door. Warm up the bus!

"Passing was one of the keys for us," said Miller. "Kari Leonard was hitting people in the open all night. She made some great assists, especially in the opening quarter. She finished with 10 assists and there were some great ones in there. I know it's been a long time since the Mulvane girls have had someone with 10 assists."

Another key was defensively. "Central had one little guard who was pretty smooth so we brought in (freshman) Abby Sorensen

## Girls Varsity

Andover Central	9	6	3	11-29
Mulvane	18	17	18	18-71
Andover Central—Jennifer Weaver 3, Kristin Wolf 8, Lindsey Biehler 7, Andrea Wolf 7, Mandy McEwen 1, Emily Huelkamp 3, FG 8 (0), FT 13-27, F 20.				
Mulvane—Sami Booth 12, Melissa Doerfer 10, Kari Leonard 2, LaShelle Parker 16, Kris Lazar 10, Shayna Duncan 6, Abby Sorensen 14, Kim Mangus 2, Lacie Leatherman 2, FG 30 (0), FT 11-18, F 24.				

## Junior Varsity Girls

Andover Central	8	4	6	9-27
Mulvane	10	6	6	2-24
Andover Central—Mandy McEwen 6, Lyndsey Biehler 4, Megan Reynolds 2, Nicole Aronowitz 2, Kate Nelson 3, Emily Huelkamp 4, Megan Slack 2, Kristin Wolf 4, FG 11 (0), FT 5-15, F 11.				
Mulvane—Nicole Hackley 9, Sara McKnight 7, Lacie Leatherman 3, Kayla Oblinger 2, Abby Sorensen 1, Jamie Wilkinson 2, FG 10 (0), FT 4-11, F 20.				
Goddard	4	14	11	19-48
Mulvane	2	8	10	4-24
Goddard—Borchers 15, Bahns 5, Powers 2, Linnens 9, Tokumasa 3, Romick 2, Zoglman 6, VanHorn 4, Millward 2, FG 20 (3), FG 4-8, F 13.				
Mulvane—Lacie Leatherman 12, Sara McKnight 4, Nicole Hackley 3, Kayla Linnebur 0, Abby Sorensen 5, FG 11 (1), FT 1-4, F 13.				

to face-guard her and she did a tremendous job," said Miller. "I think Andover had 14 points when we brought Abby in and they got only one point the rest of the quarter. We also did the same thing in the 3rd quarter and they scored only three points."

Miller also liked the fact that the Wildcats played their way out of their "3rd quarter slump" as they put the game away behind a 15-1 burst.

"We showed a lot better intensity against Central than we did against Goddard," added Miller. "Our passing was great and we controlled the boards. We had everybody hitting the boards."

Mulvane ended up with a 40-23 edge in rebounding as seniors LaShelle Parker with six and Kris Lazar and Sami Booth had five apiece. Guard Melissa Doerfer even pulled down five boards.

In the scoring column, five players were in double figures. Parker had a game-high 16 points, Booth scored 12 and Doerfer, Lazar and Sorensen had 10 each. Shayna Duncan finished with six.

The Cat junior varsity couldn't hold a late lead and Central came from behind for a 27-24 winner. Nicole Hackley's nine points and seven by Sara McKnight carried the load for the Wildcat JV girls.

Goddard also manhandled the MHS jayvee girls, winning by a 48-24 count. Lacie Leatherman had a career-high 12 points, Sorensen scored five and McKnight had four to power the Mulvane offensive.